

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND  
ELECTRIC COMPANY for Review and  
Recovery of Costs Recorded in the Electric  
Restructuring Costs Account (ERCI) for  
1999 and Forecast for 2000 and 2001.  
(U 39 E)

Application 00-07-013  
(Filed July 11, 2000)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
SEEKING PROCEDURAL OPTIONS FOR  
RESOLVING THIS APPLICATION**

**Summary**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed this application in 2000 to recover costs associated with electric restructuring in 1999, and forecasted costs for 2000 and 2001. Because of lack of Commission action to this point, I ask parties to file suggested procedural options and recommendations for bringing this proceeding to closure.

**Background**

When PG&E filed this application it sought recovery of electric restructuring costs recorded in 1999, and the costs that were forecast for 2000 and 2001. The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA), The Utility Reform Network

(TURN),<sup>1</sup> and Enron Corp. (Enron) filed protests. Parties all agreed that hearings would be necessary to resolve the case.

As we are now in the year 2002, at a minimum, PG&E should update its application to reflect recorded costs for 2000 and 2001. Because of the need for significant revisions to PG&E's application, I am seeking procedural options and your recommendations about how we can most efficiently address the issues raised by this application. For example, it may be possible that the costs at issue here could be addressed in conjunction with another application that will soon be filed and this proceeding could be closed. On the other hand, it may be most efficient to have PG&E update its application and have the case proceed on a standalone basis.

Parties may file comments that describe possible procedural options and their recommendations about how we can most efficiently address the issues raised by this application. To the extent that parties can reach a joint recommendation regarding how to proceed, that would also be helpful. Comments are due on November 12, 2002 and reply comments are due on December 2, 2002.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. Parties may file and serve comments that address procedural options and recommendations for how this proceeding should be resolved.

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<sup>1</sup> TURN's motion to accept its late-filed protest is granted.

2. Comments are due on November 12, 2002 and reply comments are due on December 2, 2002.

Dated October 17, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANGELA K. MINKIN

Angela K. Minkin

Assistant Chief

Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Seeking Procedural Options for Resolving this Application on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 17, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TERESITA C. GALLARDO  
Teresita C. Gallardo

**N O T I C E**

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